

## "CONSOLIDATION," THE WATCHWORD OF LAS VEGAS

### THREE RAPE SUSPECTS IN JAIL

ONE AND POSSIBLY BOTH OF ASSAULTANTS OF ALBUQUERQUE WOMAN CAUGHT HERE

### BEN COLES MAKES ARREST

WATCHFUL CHIEF OF POLICE PICKS UP MEXICANS IN RAILROAD YARDS.

### ONE HAS TELL-TALE RAZOR

PRISONERS EXHIBIT MUCH NERVOUSNESS WHEN INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON

Acting upon instructions from the Albuquerque officers to be on the lookout for the two Mexicans who assaulted Mr. and Mrs. Goldy Majoribanks, of San Marcial, in the lower Albuquerque railroad yards on Thursday night, Chief of Police Ben Coles last night arrested three Mexican suspects at the Main avenue crossing of the Santa Fe railway yards. Special Santa Fe Officer H. M. Babbitt assisted in the arrest, the men being hustled to the city jail by the officers making the capture.

Had Tell-tale Razor  
When searched at the police station, one of the three men, who gave their names as Manuel Flores, Manuel Masias and Hilario Huerto, had a Sheffield razor, fitting exactly the description of the razor taken from Majoribanks at the time of the assault. This alone is very damaging evidence against the men. In addition, Flores, who answers closely to the description given by Mrs. Majoribanks of the larger of her assailants, has a button in the lapel of his coat, as described by Mrs. Majoribanks.

Razor Sent to Albuquerque  
This morning Special Officer Babbitt left for Albuquerque on the limited, taking with him the razor, which if identified by Majoribanks, will complete the identification of one of the suspects, namely Flores. The Albuquerque officers claim to have the second of the two men, a Mexican by name of Florencio Pfeiffer, an ex-convict, who was arrested in that city yesterday, and who has been almost positively identified both by Mrs. Majoribanks, as one of the men who ravished her, and by the husband of the woman, whom he made a prisoner in a box car.

Suspects Exhibit Nervousness  
The suspects in jail here, Flores especially, exhibited much nervousness this afternoon, when interviewed by an Optic reporter. Every one of them feigned ignorance of the English language, but notwithstanding this, understood English enough to answer questions put to them. Flores admitted being in Albuquerque but said he left there Tuesday, walking to this city. He claimed to have met up with Masias and Huerto, the other two men, about ten miles from this city, and in this statement he is corroborated by the two men named. While the razor was found on the person of Huerto, this is immaterial, as it would have been an easy matter for Flores to have passed it to him, to avert suspicion in case he was caught.

Held for Identification  
The suspects are held by Chief Coles for identification. He seems reasonably certain that he has one of the men, if not both of them, as the identification of the suspect at Albuquerque has not yet been moved conclusively, as the man under arrest there claims he can prove an alibi. If he can, then the Mexicans in jail here may be the guilty parties. Flores has the dark, wavy hair so minutely described by Mrs. Majoribanks and otherwise answers the description wired to Chief Coles and Officer Babbitt. He wore a light, soft hat when arrested, a dark coat, with sweater vest underneath and a gaudy handkerchief tied around his neck. He claims to have come from Mexico originally, but recently had been working as a section hand in Arizona. The three men will be held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Albuquerque or they may be taken there tonight or tomorrow.

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### PLAN MIMIC NAVAL WAR

COMBINED ATLANTIC FLEET GATHERS FOR ANNUAL MANEUVERS

### JUST TO KEEP IN TRIM

FIFTY WARSHIPS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION WILL PARTICIPATE

### FIRING IN THE OPEN SEA

CONDITIONS AS THEY MIGHT EXIST IN ACTUAL WARFARE TO BE MET

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### Get-Together Spirit Prevails On Every Hand, Insuring Success of Movement For a Greater Las Vegas

After smouldering indefinitely, the embers of a Greater Las Vegas have once more begun to glow and indications are that before long the fire of a bigger and better city will be burning with a fury that will put Las Vegas in the front rank of cities in New Mexico.

Consolidation is the watchword of the hour, and The Optic believes that the time has arrived for the obliterating of personal grievances, petty jealousies, factional political strife and the like, that the people living on the opposite sides of the Gallinas may exert a get-together spirit that will put the Meadow City in the front rank.

The question of consolidation is going to be discussed fully by this paper. The reasons why it is feasible will be fully gone into, while any argument against jointure of the two towns will be heard and answered. It is to be a fight in the open; a fight of the people, for the people and by the people.

The Optic herewith quotes briefly the views of prominent businessmen on the subject of consolidation, and will from day to day give the views of men posted in city and town affairs that the people may know the trend of the campaign for a Greater Las Vegas.

### What the People Think About It

Sheriff Cleofes Romero—"Good town I have ever lived in. I'm for anything and everything that means a bigger and better city."

Dan Rhodes, hackman—"Yes, in one way."

H. A. Canter, shoe dealer—"Good. Want it."

E. C. de Baca, of La Voz del Pueblo—"Yes."

Ike Davis, grocer—"By all means consolidate."

L. G. Calhoun, real estate agent—"Good thing."

E. H. Salazar, of El Independiente—"I favor it."

W. A. Givens, retired—"Always been in favor of it."

Walter Bierman, merchant—"Greatly in favor of it."

Vincent Truider, proprietor of The Annex—"All right."

Adelaido Gonzales, proprietor Bank saloon—"I'm for it."

Chas. S. Rogers, blacksmith—"Fine. I'm right with you."

John A. Papen, grocer—"Hurrah for a Greater Las Vegas."

James O'Byrne, city councilman—"The only thing to do."

Dr. C. C. Gordon, city physician—"Wait till we become a state."

Ben Lewis, of The Hub Clothing store—"Best thing we could do."

Attorney E. E. Veeder—"I am in favor of it and always have been."

Margarito Romero, of the Romero Mercantile company—"I am for it."

Gus Lehmann, of the White Kitchen restaurant—"I am in favor of it."

J. H. Stearns, grocer—"Under satisfactory conditions, I am in favor of it."

M. L. Cooley, liveryman—"It's all right, ain't it? It looks that way to me."

Charles Greenclay, liquor merchant—"Consolidate the towns by all means."

A. H. Harris, real estate agent—"I have had no time to consider the proposition."

E. G. Murphey, druggist—"I am in favor of consolidation and a Greater Las Vegas."

doubt and I believe sentiment is now practically unanimous for one big town."

Mayor K. D. Goodall of East Las Vegas—"Let the people have what they want. Theoretically, consolidation is the only thing."

Cecilio Rosenwald, member of firm of E. Rosenwald & Son—"I am heartily in favor of the consolidation of the towns—one city government, one post-office and one school board."

Dr. W. R. Tipton—"I have always been in favor of but one town. I was one of the 69 who voted against separation when the question was a burning issue in this community."

Rev. Meade E. Dutt, pastor First Christian church—"Merge the two towns into one. It is the only thing, in my opinion to do, if we are to have a prosperous and beautiful city."

W. N. Rosenthal, of the Rosenthal Furniture company—"Consolidation by all means. These towns of Las Vegas have been scrapping long enough. We must get together for a Greater Las Vegas."

Ludwig Wm. Hfeld, hardware dealer—"Since New York was willing to take in Brooklyn and all the suburbs possible, I believe Greater Las Vegas would not be too large to be handled by one city government."

### WOULD BUST GREAT TRUST

SENATOR BACON WANTS AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS PUT ON FREE LIST

### GIVES HIS REASONS WHY

ALDRICH RUSHES TO DEFENSE OF HARVESTER CORPORATION

### SAYS NO COMBINE EXISTS

HOWEVER, OTHER STATESMEN GIVE FACTS TO PROVE UN-HOLY ALLIANCE

Washington, June 26. — When consideration of the tariff bill was resumed this morning, the question of an amendment by Senator Bacon placing agricultural implements on the free list, was taken up. Senator Stone of Missouri, outlined the testimony in cases in his state in the prosecution of the International Harvester Co. He declared this company was conducting 80 per cent of the implement business of the country, notwithstanding the assertion by Senator Aldrich that the company is not a trust. After Senator Stone began his speech, Senator Davis of Arkansas, interrupted with a statement that the company had been driven out of his state for breaking the anti-trust laws.

The senate this afternoon by a vote of 45 to 26 defeated the amendment of Senator Bacon for the taking off of the duty on agricultural implements.

By viva voce vote the senate agreed to the paper and pulp wood schedules, with amendments for free duty as proposed by Senator Brown of Nebraska.

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### SHAKE-UP IN SANTA FE CIRCLES

DAN L. BATCHELOR, POPULAR TICKET AGENT, CHECKED OUT TODAY

### CHANGE COMES AS SURPRISE

RUMOR SAYS OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICE FORCE ARE TO GO

### NO REASONS ARE GIVEN

DEPOSED OFFICIAL KNOWN AS A PAINSTAKING RAILROAD EMPLOYEE

What is believed to be the forerunner of a general shake-up in the Santa Fe railway office forces in Las Vegas, was the checking out today of Dan L. Batchelor, the genial agent of the company in this city. Mr. Batchelor is succeeded as agent by R. W. Hoyt, a former traveling auditor and more recently cashier of the local freight depot. J. O. Ellsberg has been promoted cashier from the bill clerk's desk.

Change a Surprise  
It is hardly necessary to say that the change in agents came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky. While rumors were in circulation here several weeks ago to the effect that a shake-up was coming, these followed closely upon the general change in the office force at Albuquerque and were thought to be merely idle gossip, emanating from that city. But today's developments show that these rumors evidently were based on a pretty good tip.

Who Will Get Aze?  
While it is generally conceded in local railroad circles that other changes are to follow closely upon the ones made today there is nothing definite known about these, but it is suffice to say they will occur and that in the near future. Just who will get the axe, so to speak, is not known, but that there are some mighty nervous employees in the local office forces, these days, is evident.

Batchelor Popular Official  
Everybody in Las Vegas knows Dan Batchelor, who has been here several years. He has made a popular railroad official and has been painstaking and efficient. Only recently he returned from a visit to his home in Salina, Kansas, to which city he will likely return. It is certain that he will not long be out of the railroad harness. His Las Vegas friends will wish him success and prosperity wherever he may go, for they say perseverance wins in the long run.

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